

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2018-007	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Funding Services from Victim Support
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner to fund a 6 month temporary full-time victim support staff member during the early transition of a new contract.

DECISION

1. **Victim Support is currently contracted to provide victim services on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent (OPCC). The funding covers staff and recruitment costs, the provision of crime prevention products and resources to train new volunteers to work in the Gwent area to provide emotional and practical support to victims of crime.**
2. **The current contract is for 3 years from 2015/16 and makes allowances for a 1 year extension. The contract value is £394,277 per annum. There are data protection legislative changes to be introduced in May 2018. These changes are predicted to have an impact on the referrals to Connect Gwent due to a probable requirement for consent to be obtained from all victims of crime prior to the referral being made. Currently, implied consent is assumed. Through the current model, over 50% of referrals do not require any support from Connect Gwent.**
3. **For the extension year (2018-19) the budget to Victim Support has been reduced to £344,395. This has been agreed based on the number of staff required to manage the number of cases with victims consenting to a referral for support from Connect Gwent. The staff reduction is only in staff roles dedicated to making initial contact with victims. It is a reduction of 2.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff which will provide a more targeted approach to supporting victims.**
4. **The savings from the Victim Support contract will be reinvested in an improved Children and Young People's Service. This will increase the staffing of that service by 100% and provide capacity to improve the governance and quality of that service.**
5. **It is requested that £9,552.92 be released from reserves. This money would be used to provide 1 FTE staff member for a 6 month period. This would create temporary increased capacity in the Victim Support team during the transition from one model of service to another.**

Jeff Cuthbert Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signed 

Date 23/3/18

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Background papers